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### **Public Protection Cabinet Observes Building Safety Month during May** *Awareness campaign spotlights innovation, resilience, safety in building industry*

**Frankfort, Ky.** (April 29, 2016) – The Public Protection Cabinet’s Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction (DHBC) is observing Building Safety Month in Kentucky during May.

Building Safety Month is an awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and buildings.

“The state’s building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings and review construction plans for code compliance. These evaluations ensure the places where we reside, work, worship and play are safe,” said DHBC Commissioner Steve Milby. “DHBC staff work closely with homebuilders, contractors, electricians, plumbers, and other industry trades to provide maximum safety.”

Homes and buildings built in compliance with building safety codes -- which is the law of the land in Kentucky and across the nation -- result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage.

“Kentucky’s building codes address all aspects of construction, such as structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems, and sustainability and energy efficiency,” said Milby. “Safe buildings require the active participation of building inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, as well as property owners.”

Weekly themes include building solutions for all ages, particularly for the aging community; the science behind the codes, like flood proofing, fire resistance, structural strength, wind design, sustainability and energy efficiency; preparing for natural disaster; and, building codes.

“Promoting the use and understanding of these topics is a way to save lives and property,” said Milby. Information on the weekly topics can be found on the International Code Council’s (ICC) website at <http://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/2016-building-safety-month/>. The ICC, a U.S.-based membership association, is the sponsor of Building Safety Month.